been conducted by the Government which have revealed that it is not a fact that IRE is posing any radiation hazard to population of the Kerala State by its operations relating to processing of Thorium and Zirconium. The workers at IRE are subject to annual medical check up and are regularly monitored to ensure that they are not exposed to radiation beyond the level specified by the Safety Review Committee of the DAE which stipulates the levels in accordance with the standards laid down by the International Commission on Radiological Protection. All installations of IRE come under the control of Health Physics Division of BARC which monitors independently the radiation exposure received by the workers. All radioactive wastes generated in the plant are disposed off in accordance with internationally accepted practices. The solid wastes are fixed in concrete and then buried in concrete trenches. The liquid effluents are treated in an efflunt treatment plant before discharge into the river. The treated effluents meet the standards laid down by the Kerala State Water Pollution Control Board and the Health Physics Division of BARC.

Golden Handshake Scheme in Public Sector Banks

*128. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce the so-called Golden Handshake Scheme in the public sector banks;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that a quarter of the manpower in the banking industry is expected to become surplus in the course of the completion of the computerisation programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Supply of stamp paper to Tamil Nadu

*129. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Stamp paper demanded by the Government of Tamil Nadu for the year 1986; and

(b) the total amount of Stamp paper actually supplied from the Nasik Press to the Government of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Government of Tamil Nadu indented for 194.05 lakhs of non-judicial stamp papers during April—December, 1986 as against an indent of only 38.74 lakhs in April—December, 1985.

(b) Supplies by the Nasik Press to Tamil Nadu in April—December, 1986 amounted to 33.14 lakhs as against 24.73 lakhs during April—December, 1985.

Branches of Nationalised Banks opened in Gujarat

*131. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new branches of nationalised banks that were opened in Gujarat during 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) what is the number of th- that are in rural areas,